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Songs for Children

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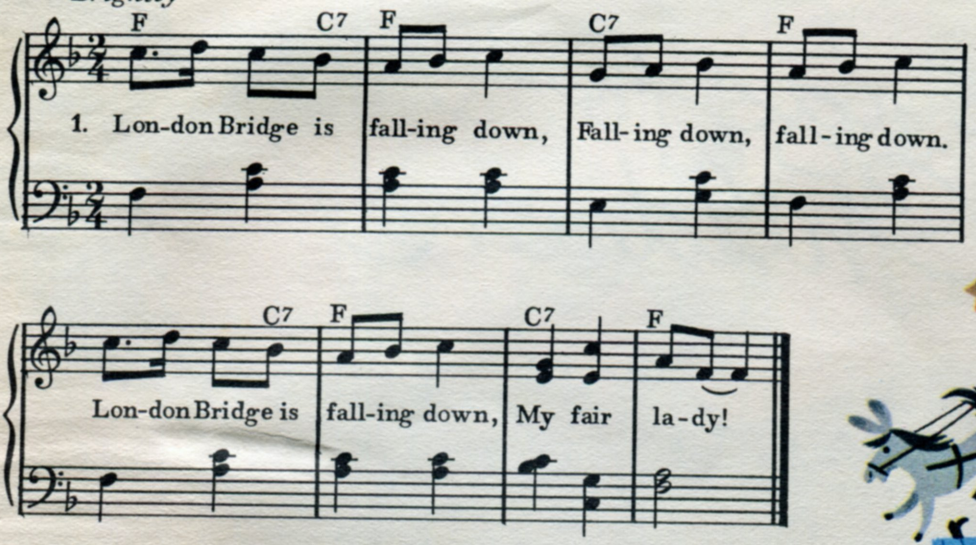
London Bridge

Singing game

Brightly

Words and tune traditional

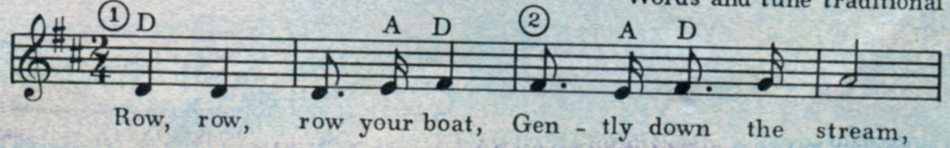


2. Build it up with iron bars, etc.
3. Iron bars will rust and break, etc.
4. Build it up with pins and needles, etc.
5. Pins and needles rust and bend, etc.
6. Build it up with penny loaves, etc.
7. Penny loaves will tumble down, etc.
8. Build it up with gold and silver, etc.
9. Gold and silver I've not got, etc.
10. Here's a prisoner I have got, etc.
11. What's the prisoner done to you? etc.
12. Stole my watch and broke my chain, etc.
13. What'll you take to set him free? etc.
14. One hundred pounds will set him free, etc.
15. One hundred pounds we have not got, etc.
16. Then off to prison he must go, etc.

Row, Row,

Old round

Words and tune traditional



Pop! Goes the Weasel

Singing game

Words and tune traditional

Lively

G D7 G D7 G

All a-round the cob-bler's bench, The mon-key chased the wea-sel, The

D7 G D7 G

mon-key thought 'twas all in fun. Pop! goes the wea-sel. A

Em A7 D Em A7 D

pen-ny for a spool of thread, a pen-ny for a nee-dle.

C D Em D7 G

That's the way the mon-ey goes. Pop! goes the wea-sel.

Row Your Boat

③ 3 3 3 3 ④ A D

Mer-ri-ly, mer-ri-ly, mer-ri-ly, mer-ri-ly, Life is but a dream.

Three Little Kittens

Mother Goose

Traditional tune

In moderate time

A — E7 — A

1. Three lit-tle kit-tens, they lost their mit-tens, And they be-gan to cry, "Oh,
2. Three lit-tle kit-tens, they found their mit-tens, And they be-gan to cry, "Oh,

Moth-er dear, we sad-ly fear, Our mit-tens we have lost." "What!
Moth-er dear, see here, see here, Our mit-tens we have found." "What!

E7 — A

lost your mit-tens, you naugh-ty kit-tens? Then you shall have no pie."
found your mit-tens, you lit-tle kit-tens? Then you shall have some pie."

E7 — A — E — A

"Mi - ew, mi - ew, mi - ew, miew."
"Purr, purr, purr, purr."

A — D — A — D — E7 — A

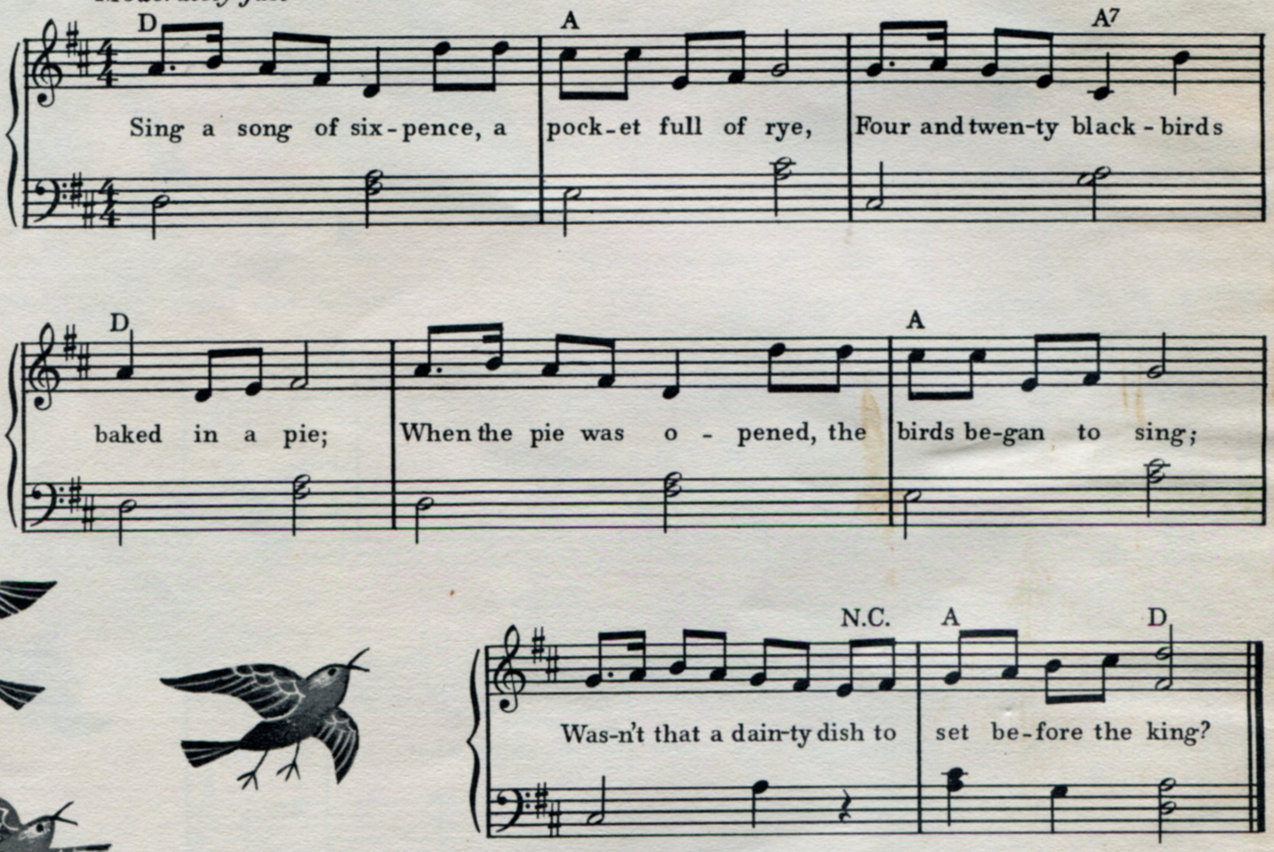
3. Three little kittens put on their mittens
And soon ate up the pie,
"Oh, Mother dear, we greatly fear
Our mittens we have soiled."
"What! soiled your mittens,
You naughty kittens?"
Then they began to sigh,
"Miew, miew, miew, miew,
Miew, miew, miew, miew."

Sing a Song of Sixpence

Mother Goose

Melody by J.W. Elliott

Moderately fast



4. Three little kittens, they washed
   their mittens,
And hung them up to dry.
"Oh, Mother dear, look here, look here,
Our mittens we have washed."
"What, washed your mittens,
   You darling kittens?
But I smell a rat close by.
Hush, hush!" "Miew, miew,
Miew, miew, miew, miew."

COCK-A-DOODLE-DO

Mother Goose

English folk tune

Gaily

F C7 F C7 F

1. Cock- a - doo - dle - doo! My dame has lost her shoe, My

B♭ F C7 F

mas-ter's lost his fid-dling stick, And doesn't know what to do. And

C7 F C7 F

doesn't know what to do, And doesn't know what to do, My

B♭ F C7 F

mas-ter's lost his fid-dling stick, And doesn't know what to do.

2. Cock-a-doodle-doo!
What is my dame to do?
Till master finds his fiddling stick,
She'll dance without her shoe.
She'll dance without her shoe,
She'll dance without her shoe,
Till Master finds his fiddling stick,
She'll dance without her shoe.

OLD KING COLE

Mother Goose — Traditional tune

Gm Cm D7
Old King Cole was a mer-ry old soul, And a

Gm D Gm F B♭ Gm D7
mer-ry old soul was he; He called for his pipe, and he

Gm Cm Gm D7 Gm
called for his bowl, And he called for his fid-dlers three.

Gm F Gm D7
Ev-'ry fid-dler had a fid-dle fine, And a

Gm F B♭ Gm D7
ver-y fine fid-dle had he; Twee-dle dum twee-dle dee, went the

Gm D7 Gm D7 Gm
fid-dlers three, Twee-dle-dum dee, dum-dee-dee-dle dee!

The Robin

Traditional

English folk song

With a lilt

D G D A D A7 D

1. There came to my win-dow one morn-ing in spring, A sweet lit-tle rob-in, she came there to sing; The

A7 D G

song that she sang, it was pret-ti - er far Than

D G D A7 D

an - y I've heard on a flute or gui - tar.

2. Her wings she was spreading to soar far away,
Then resting a moment seemed sweetly to say,
"Oh, happy, how happy the world seems to be,
Awake, little girl, and be happy with me."

The North Wind Doth Blow

Mother Goose

Traditional tune

G D7 G D7

The northwind doth blow, And we shall have snow, And what will the rob-in do then? Poor thing! He'll

G D7 G D7 G

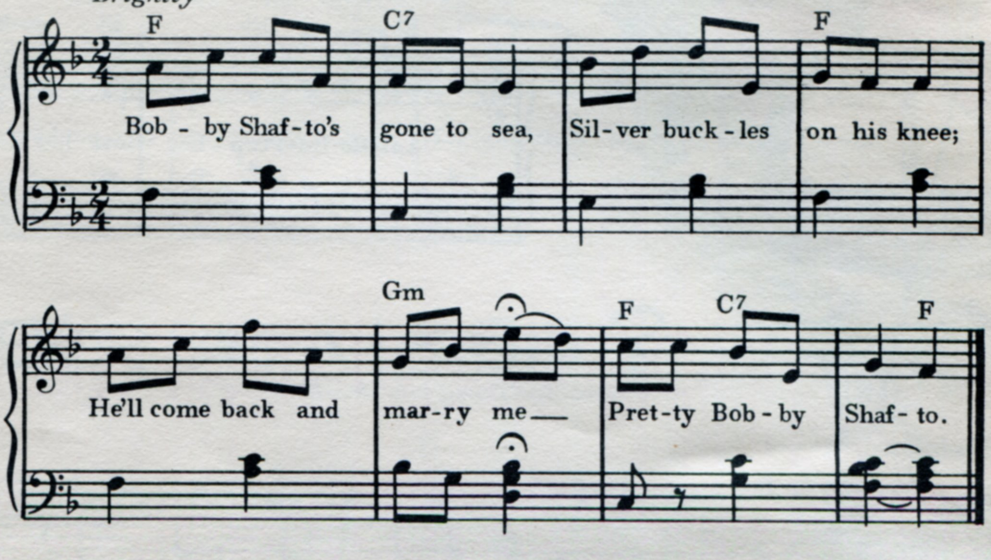
sit in the barn to keep him self warm, And hide his head un-der his wing. Poor thing!

Bobby Shafto

Mother Goose

Traditional tune

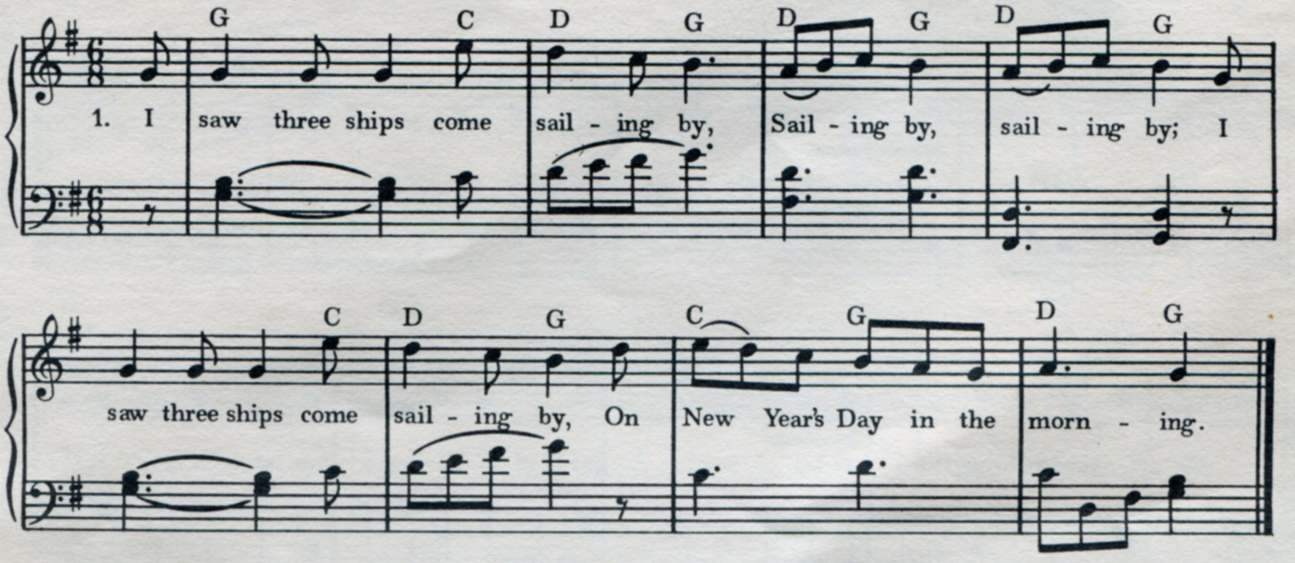
Brightly



I Saw Three Ships

With swinging rhythm

Words and tune traditional



2. And what do you think was in them then,
In them then, in them then,
And what do you think was in them then,
On New Year's Day in the morning?

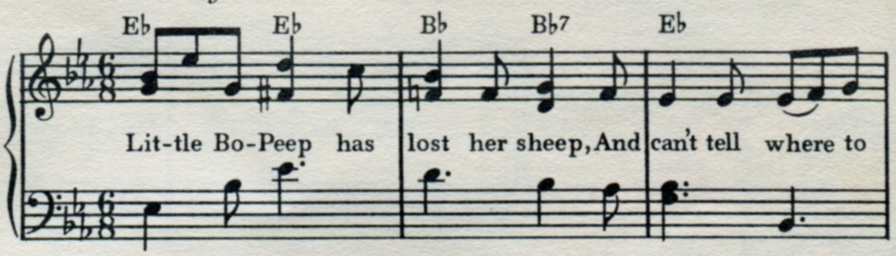
3. Three pretty girls were in them then,
In them then, in them then,
Three pretty girls were in them then,
On New Year's Day in the morning.

4. And one could whistle, and one could sing,
And one could play the violin;
Such joy there was at my wedding,
On New Year's Day in the morning.

LITTLE BO-PEEP

Mother Goose — Melody by J.W. Elliott

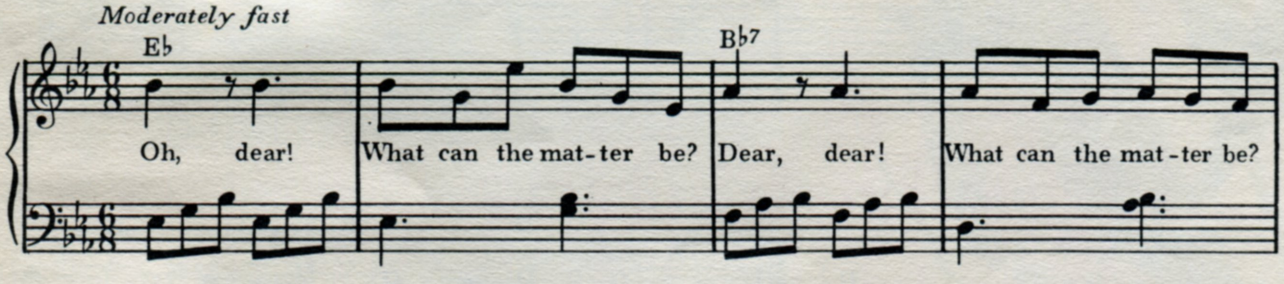
Moderately

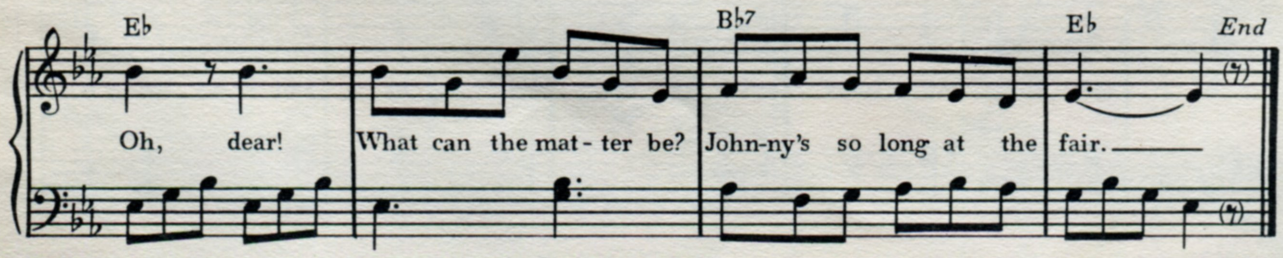


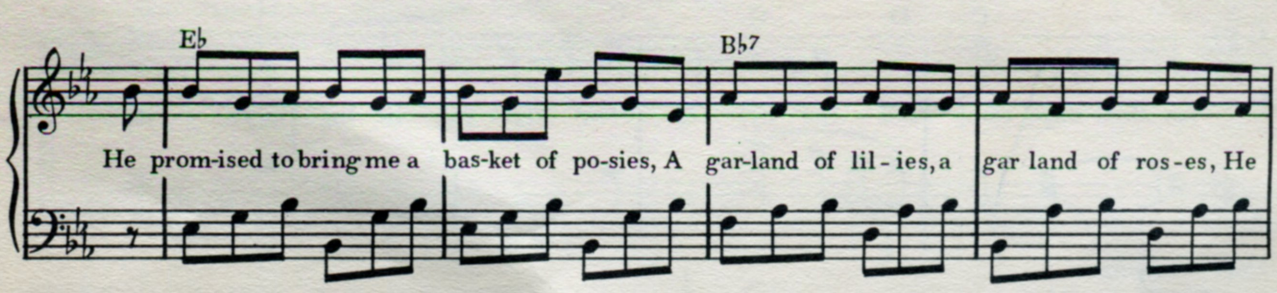
OH, DEAR! WHAT CAN THE MATTER BE?

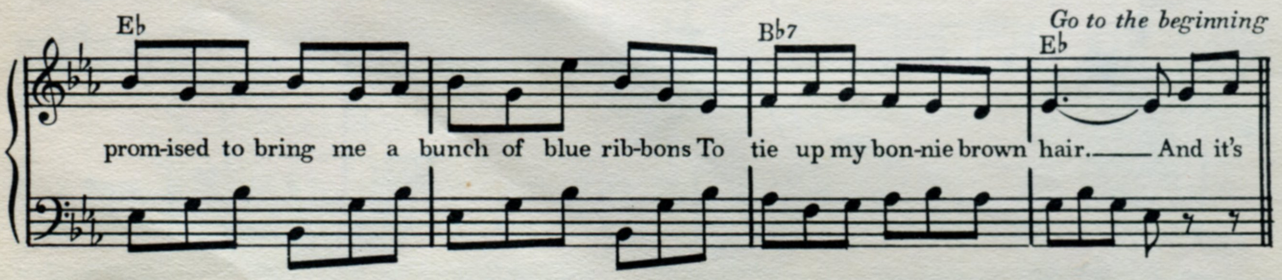
Traditional — English folk song

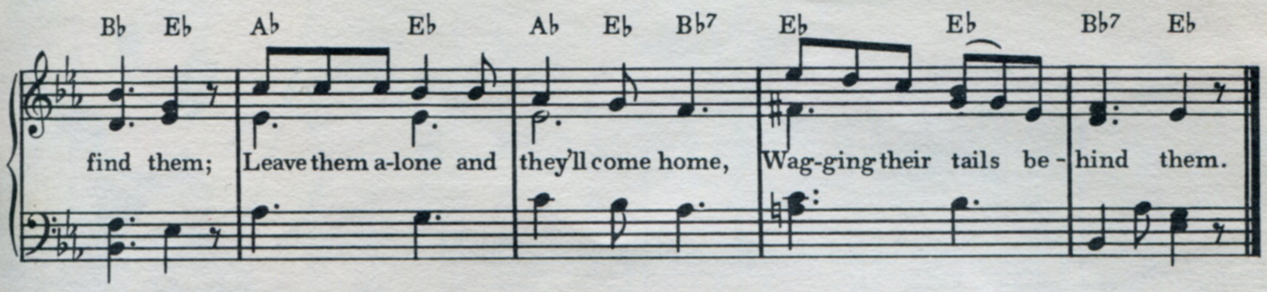
Moderately fast









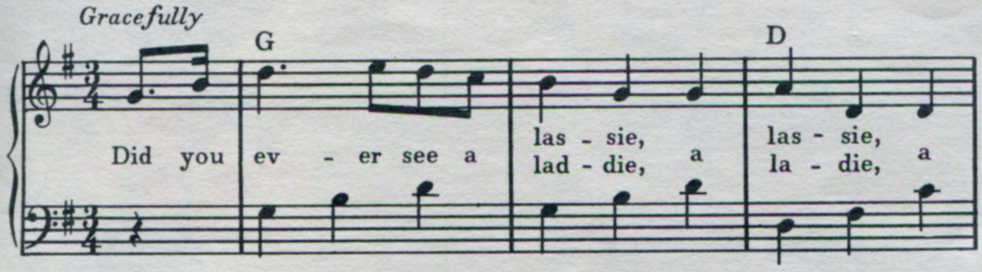


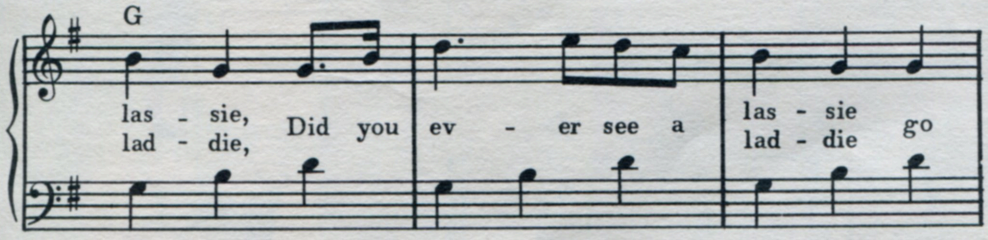
DID YOU EVER SEE A LASSIE?

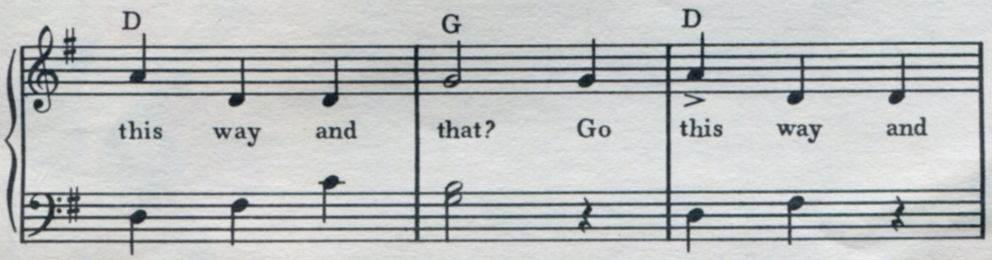
Singing game

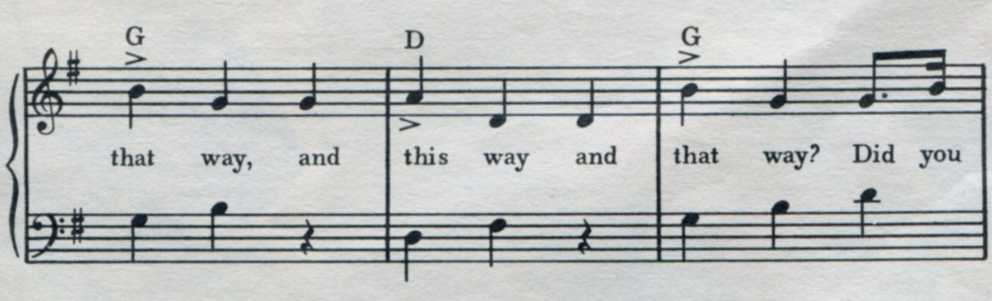
Words and tune Traditional

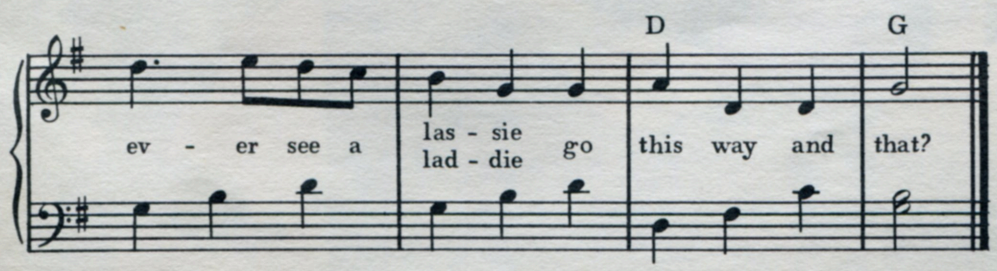
Gracefully











Lightly Row

Traditional

Folk song

F C7 F

Light-ly row! light-ly row! O'er the glass-y waves we go;

C7 F C F

Smooth-ly glide! smooth-ly glide! On the si-lent tide.

C C7 F Gm7 F

Let the winds and wa-ters be Min-gled with our mel-o-dy,

C7 F C F

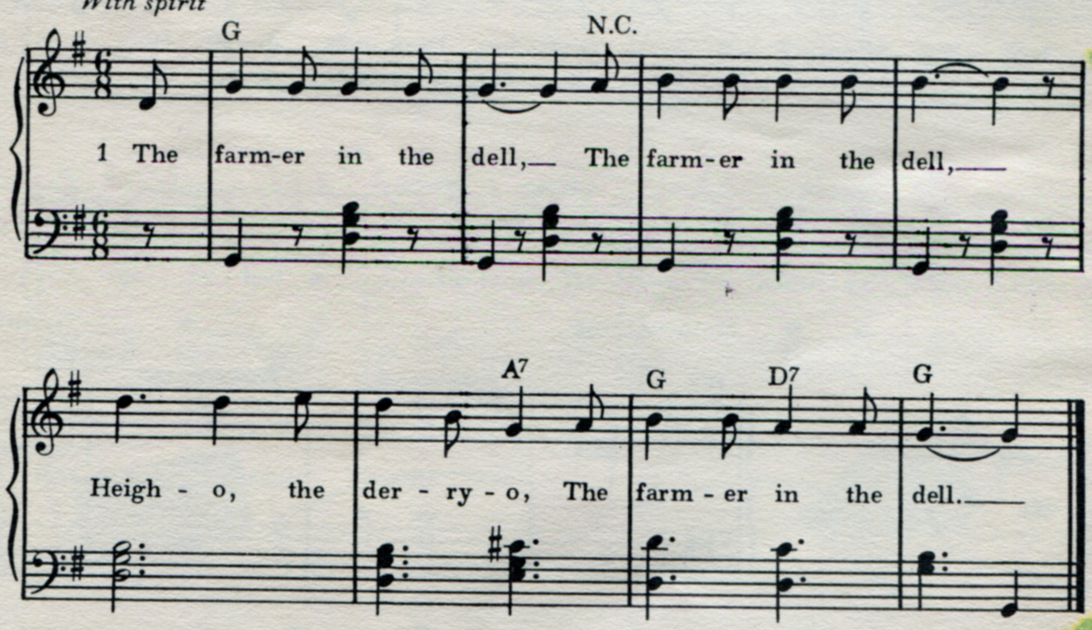
Sing and float! sing and float! In our lit-tle boat.

The Farmer in the Dell

Singing game

With spirit

Words and tune traditional

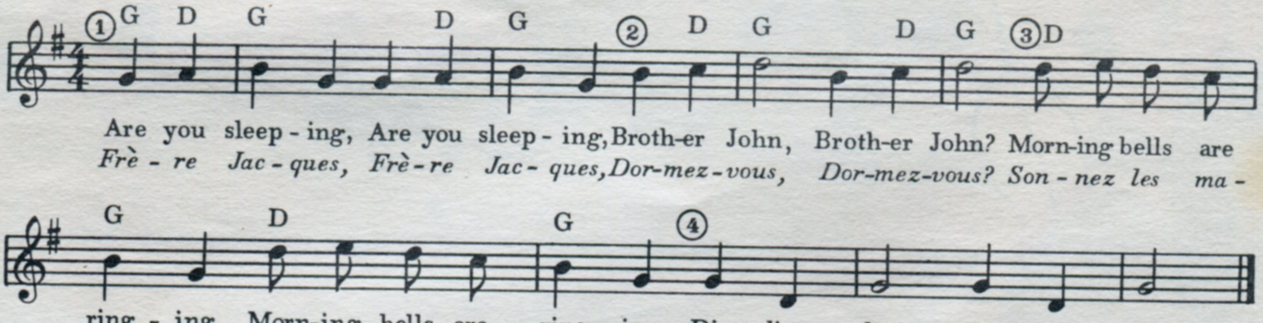


2. The farmer takes a wife, etc.
3. The wife takes a child, etc.
4. The child takes a nurse, etc.
5. The nurse takes a dog, etc.
6. The dog takes a cat, etc.
7. The cat takes a rat, etc.
8. The rat takes the cheese, etc.
9. The cheese stands alone, etc.

Brother John

Old French round

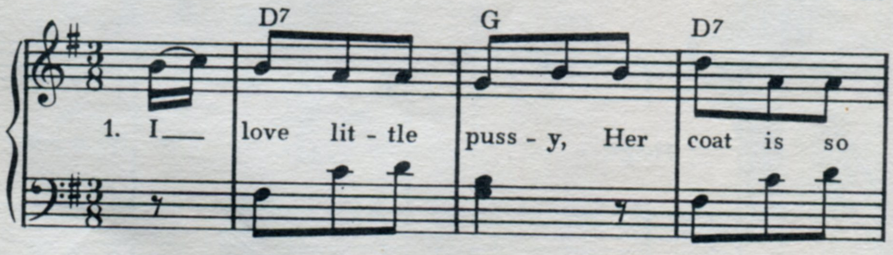
Words and tune traditional

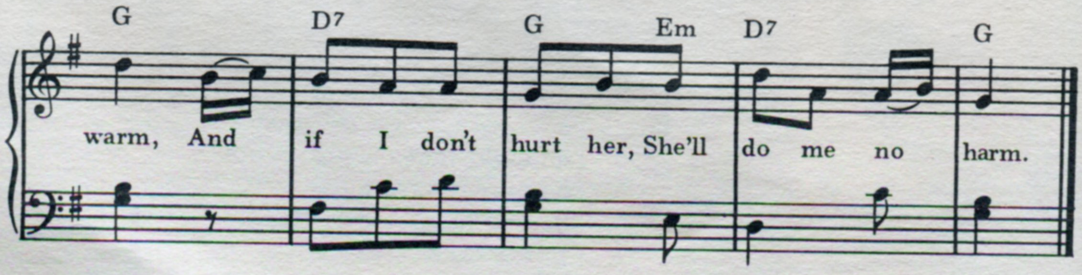


I Love Little Pussy

Mother Goose

Traditional tune

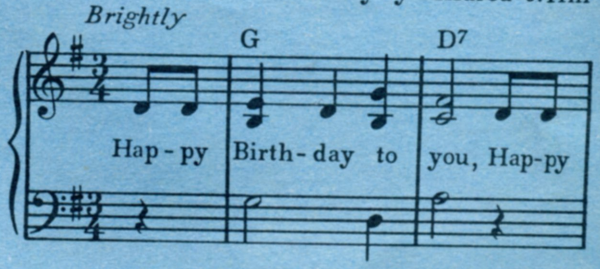




2. So I'll not pull her tail,
Or drive her away,
But pussy and I
Very gently will play.

3. I will sit by the fire,
And give her some food,
And pussy will love me
Because I am good.

Melody by Mildred J. Hill

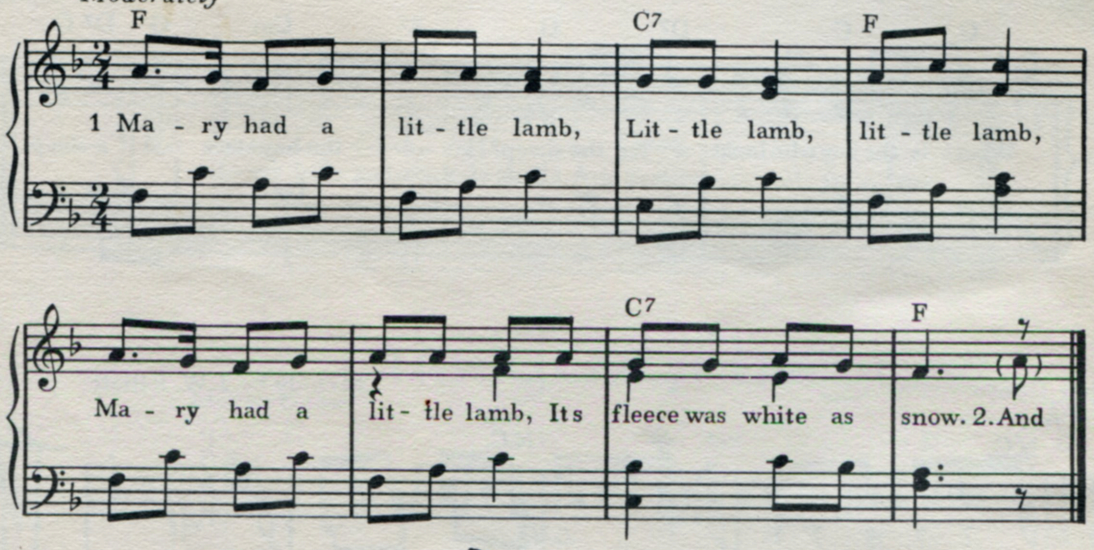


Mary Had a Little Lamb

Sara Josepha Hale

Traditional tune

Moderately



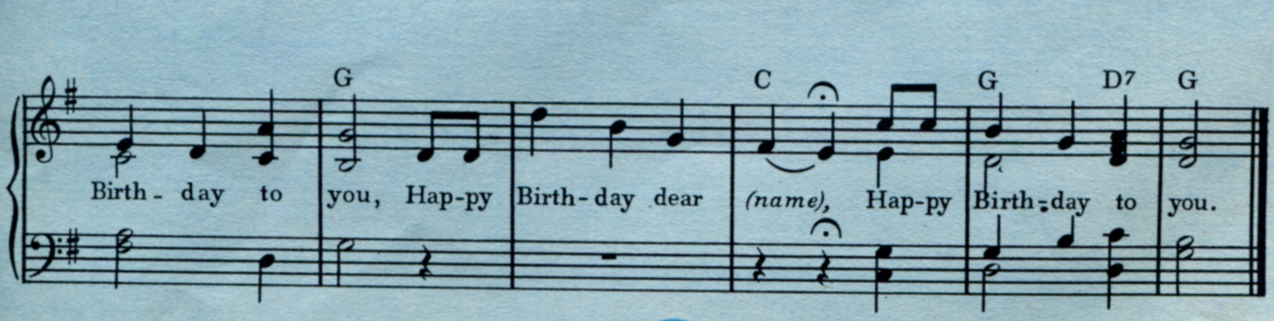
2. And ev'rywhere that Mary went,
   Mary went, Mary went,
   Everywhere that Mary went
   The lamb was sure to go.

3. It followed her to school one day,
   School one day, school one day,
   Followed her to school one day,
   Which was against the rule.

4. It made the children laugh and play,
   Laugh and play, laugh and play,
   Made the children laugh and play,
   To see a lamb at school.

5. "What makes the lamb love Mary so?
   Mary so, Mary so?
   Makes the lamb love Mary so?"
   The eager children cry.

6. "Why, Mary loves the lamb, you know,
   Lamb, you know, lamb, you know.
   Mary loves the lamb, you know,"
   The teacher did reply.

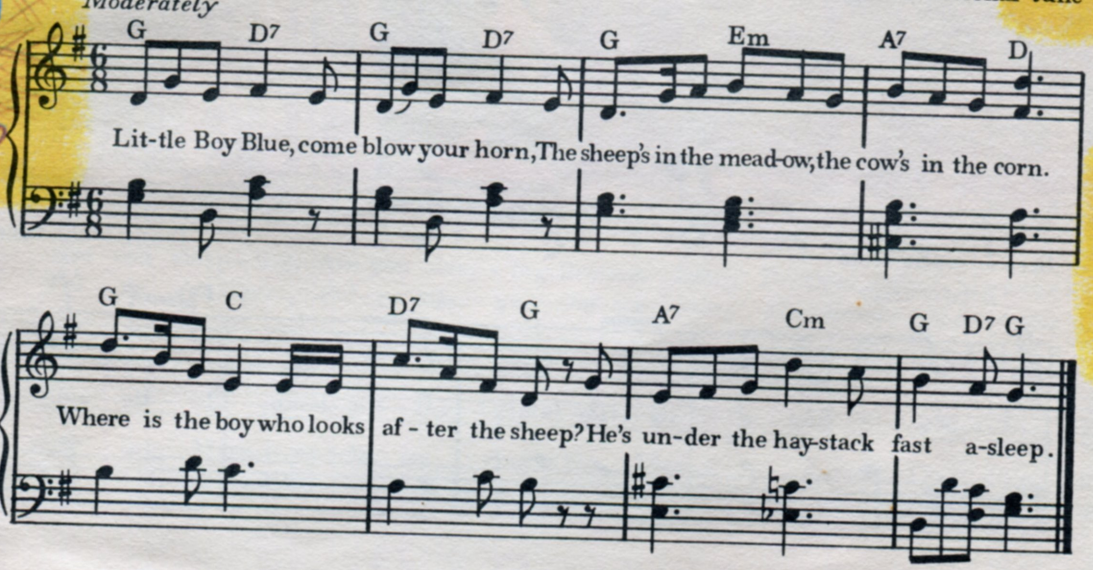


Little Boy Blue

Mother Goose

Moderately

Traditional tune

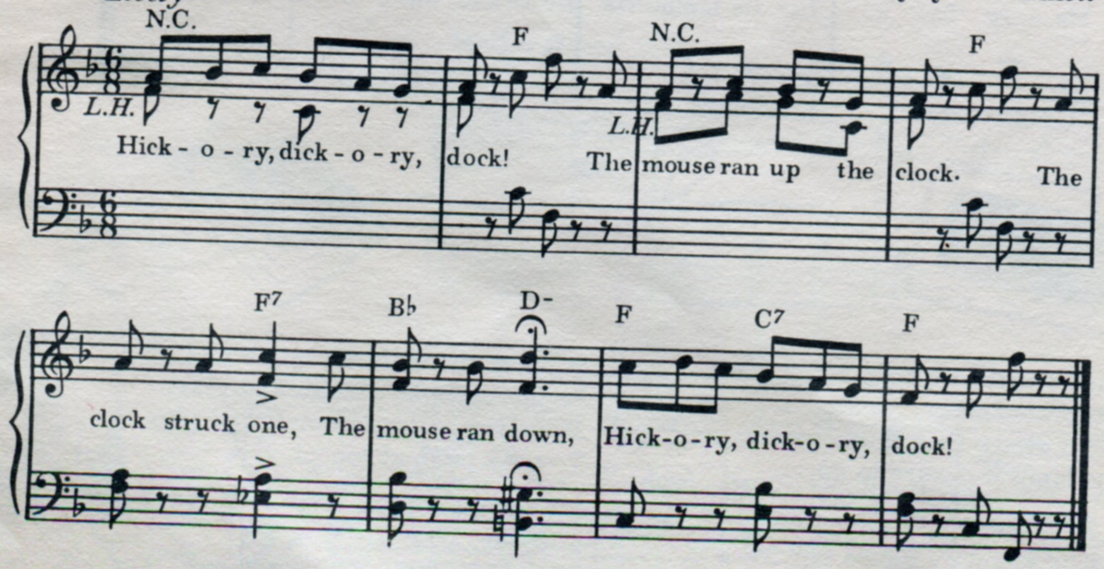


Hickory, Dickory, Dock

Mother Goose

Lively

Melody by J. W. Elliott

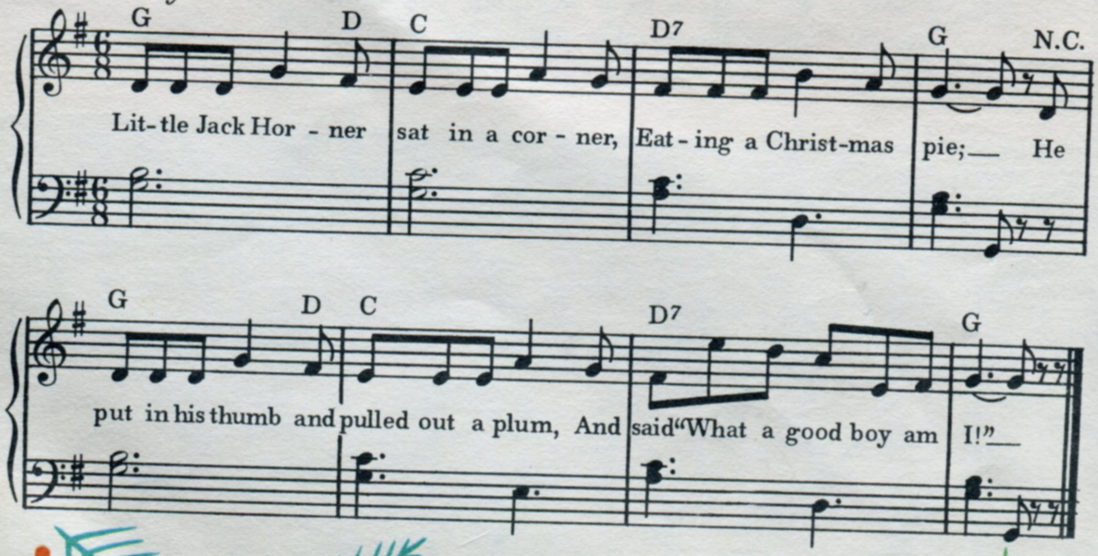


Little Jack Horner

Mother Goose

Merrily

Melody by J. W. Elliott



Mistress Mary, Quite Contrary

Mother Goose — Traditional tune

Brightly

G D7 G D7

Mis-tress Ma-ry, quite con-tra-ry, How does your gar-den grow? With

C G C G N.C. G D7 G

sil-ver bells and cock-le shells, And pret-ty maids all in a row.

Pussy Cat, Pussy Cat

Mother Goose — Traditional tune

G D G Am C D G

"Puss-y Cat, Puss-y Cat, where have you been?" "I've been to Lon-don to vis-it the Queen."

D G Am N.C. Am D G

"Puss-y Cat, Puss-y Cat, what did you there?" "I fright-ened a lit-tle mouse un-der her chair."

Humpty Dumpty

Mother Goose — Traditional tune

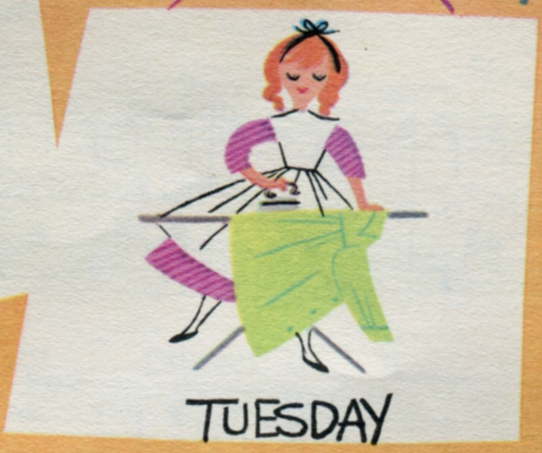
C G7 C G7 C G

Hump-ty Dump-ty sat on a wall, Hump-ty Dump-ty had a great fall;

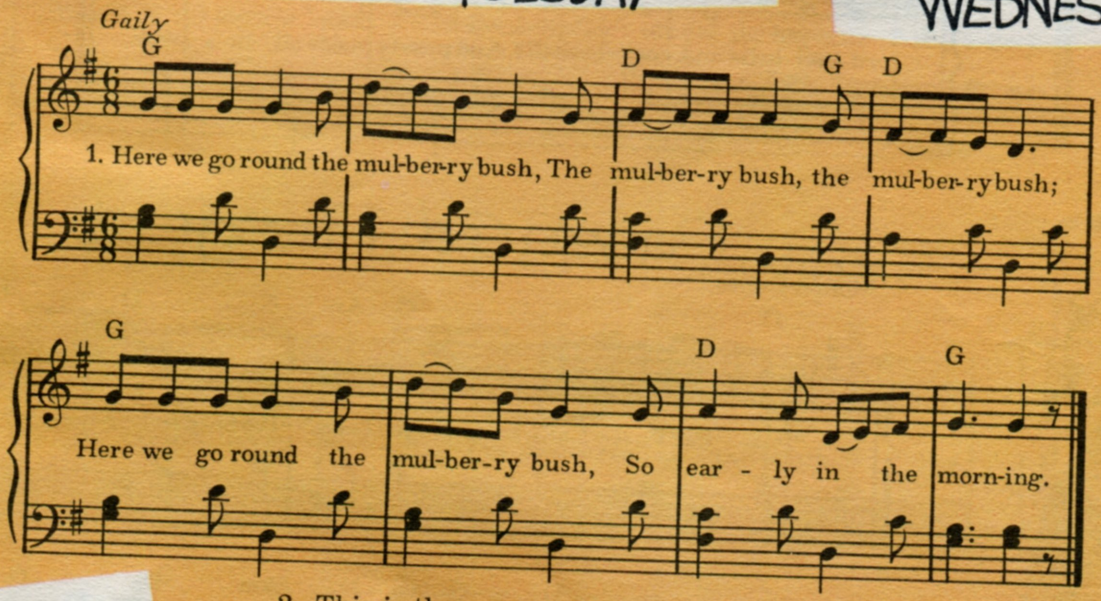
C G7 C G7 Am D7 C G7 C

All the King's hors-es and all the King's men, Could-n't put Hump-ty Dump-ty to-geth-er a-gain.

THE MULBERRY BUSH



Singing game
Words and tune traditional



2. This is the way we wash our clothes,
So early Monday morning.
3. This is the way we iron our clothes,
So early Tuesday morning.
4. This is the way we scrub the floor,
So early Wednesday morning.
5. This is the way we mend our clothes,
So early Thursday morning.
6. This is the way we sweep the house,
So early Friday morning.
7. This is the way we bake our bread,
So early Saturday morning.
8. This is the way we go to church,
So early Sunday morning.

JACK AND JILL

Mother Goose — Melody by J.W. Elliott

With motion

C F C F C G C G F C

Jack and Jill went up the hill To fetch a pail of wa - ter;

Dm G C G C

Jack fell down and broke his crown, And Jill came tum - bling af - ter.

BAA, BAA, BLACK SHEEP

Mother Goose — Traditional tune

Moderately

N.C. A D A D

"Baa, baa, black sheep, have you an - y wool?" "Yes, sir, yes, sir, three bags full:

A D A D G D A7 D

One for my mas-ter and one for my dame, And one for the lit-tle boy who lives in the lane."

ROCK-A-BYE, BABY

Mother Goose — Traditional tune

Gently

B♭ F7 B♭ A7 B♭

Rock-a-bye, ba - by, on the tree top, When the wind blows, the cra-dle will rock;

F7 B♭ E♭ B♭ C7 F7 B♭

When the bough breaks, the cra-dle will fall, And down will come ba-by, cra-dle and all.

Looby-Loo

Singing game

Words and tune traditional

With an easy swing

F C7

Here we dance Loo - by - Loo,— Here we dance Loo - by - Light,—

F C7 1 F 2 *End*

For last verse only

Here we dance Loo - by - Loo,— All on a Sat - ur - day night.— night.—

F *

I put my right hand in,— I put my right hand out,— I

C F C7 F C7

Go to the beginning

give my hand a shake, shake, shake, And turn my-self a - bout. Oh,

* Substitute the italicized words in each verse.

2. I put my *left hand* in, etc.
3. *Right foot.*
4. *Left foot.*
5. *Head way in.*
6. *Whole self.*

Yankee Doodle

Words and tune traditional

Briskly

G D G D7 G D G D7

Yan - kee Doo - dle went to town Up - on a lit - tle po - ny; He

G D C Am D7 G

stuck a feath - er in his cap, And called it mac - a - ro - ni.

C G D7 G

Yan - kee Doo - dle doo - dle doo, Yan - kee Doo - dle dan - dy;

C G D7 G

All the las - sies are so smart, And sweet as sug - ar can - dy.

Oh Where, Oh Where Has My Little Dog Gone?

In moderate time

Words and tune traditional

F C7

Oh where, oh where has my lit - tle dog gone? Oh

F

where, oh where can he be? With his ears cut short and his

C7 F

tail cut long, Oh where, oh where can he be?

A-Hunting We Will Go

Singing game

Words and tune traditional

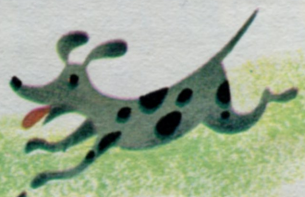
Briskly

A E Bm E

Oh, a - hunt - ing we will go, A - hunt - ing we will go, We'll
Tra la la la la la la, Tra la la la la la, Tra

A A7 D A E7 A

catch a fox and put him in a box, And then we'll let him go.
la la la la la la la la la, Tra la la la la la.



My Pony

Translation — German folk song

Moderately fast

G — D7

Trot, trot, trot! Trot, my po - ny,
Hopp, hopp, hopp! Pferd-chen lauf Ga -

G — D7 — G

trot! O - ver grass and o - ver grav - el,
lopp Ü - ber Stock und ü - ber Stei - ne,

D7 — G

O, what fun with you to trav-el, Nev - er, nev - er
A - ber brich dir nicht die Bei - ne! Im - mer im Ga -

D7 — G

stop, Trot, my po - ny, trot!
lopp Hopp, hopp, hopp, hopp, hopp!

Oats, Peas, Beans

Singing game — Words and tune traditional

Well accented

G — D — G

1. Oats, peas, beans and bar - ley grow,

D7 — G — D7

Oats, peas, beans and bar - ley grow; Can

G D G D — G D G

you, or I, or an - y - one know How

Am — D7 — G

oats, peas, beans and bar - ley grow?

2. First the farmer sows his seed,
Then he stands and takes his ease,
He stamps his foot and claps his hands,
And turns around to view his lands.

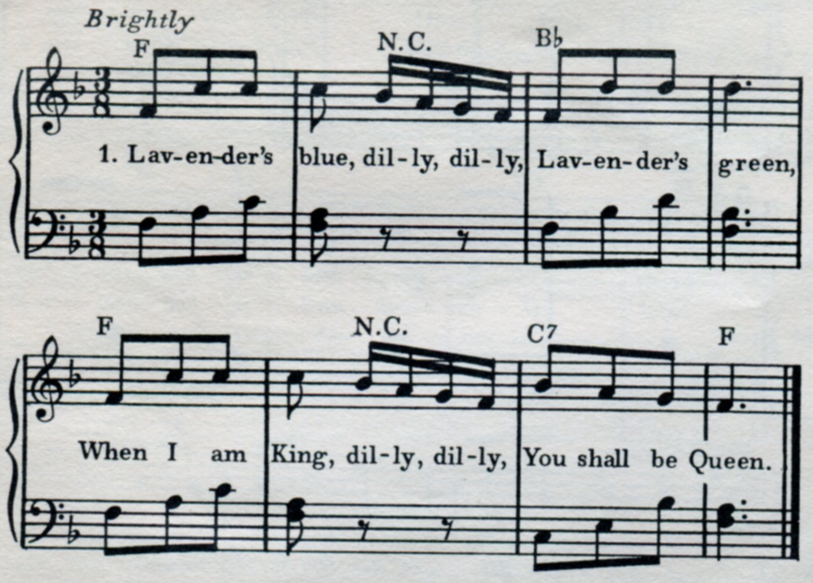
3. Waiting for a partner,
Waiting for a partner,
Take one in out of the ring,
While we all gaily dance and sing.

4. Now you're married, you must obey,
You must be true to all you say;
You must be wise, you must be good,
And help your wife to chop the wood.

Lavender's Blue

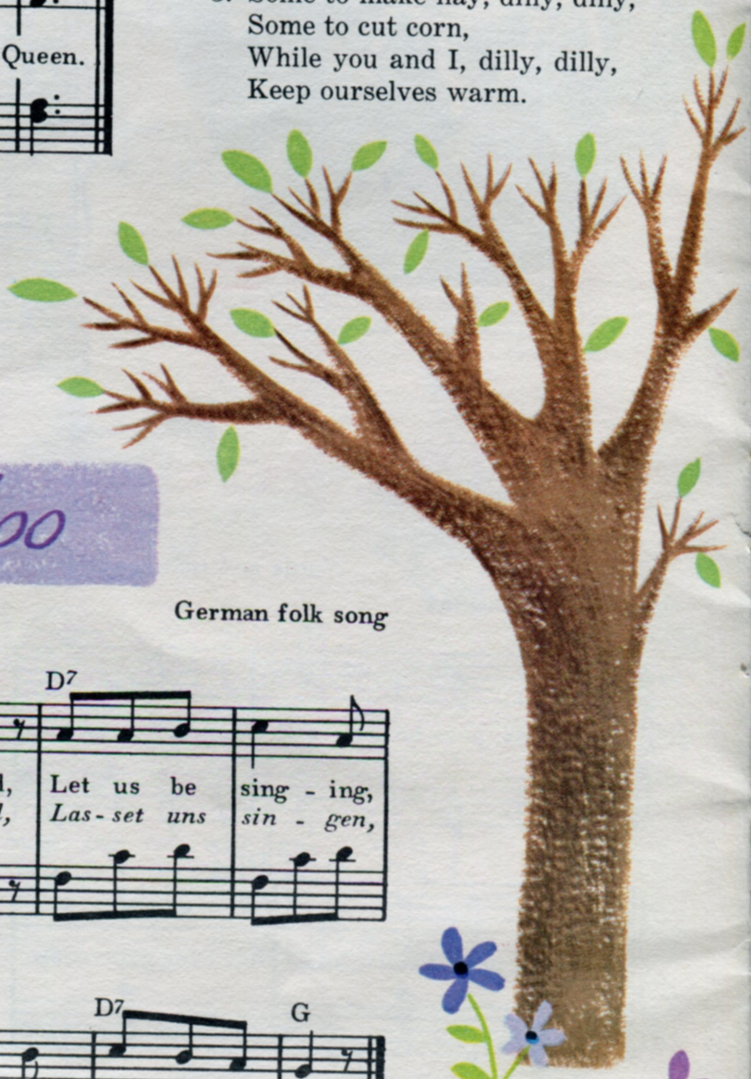
Mother Goose

Traditional tune



2. Call up your men, dilly, dilly,
Set them to work,
Some to the plow, dilly, dilly,
Some to the cart.

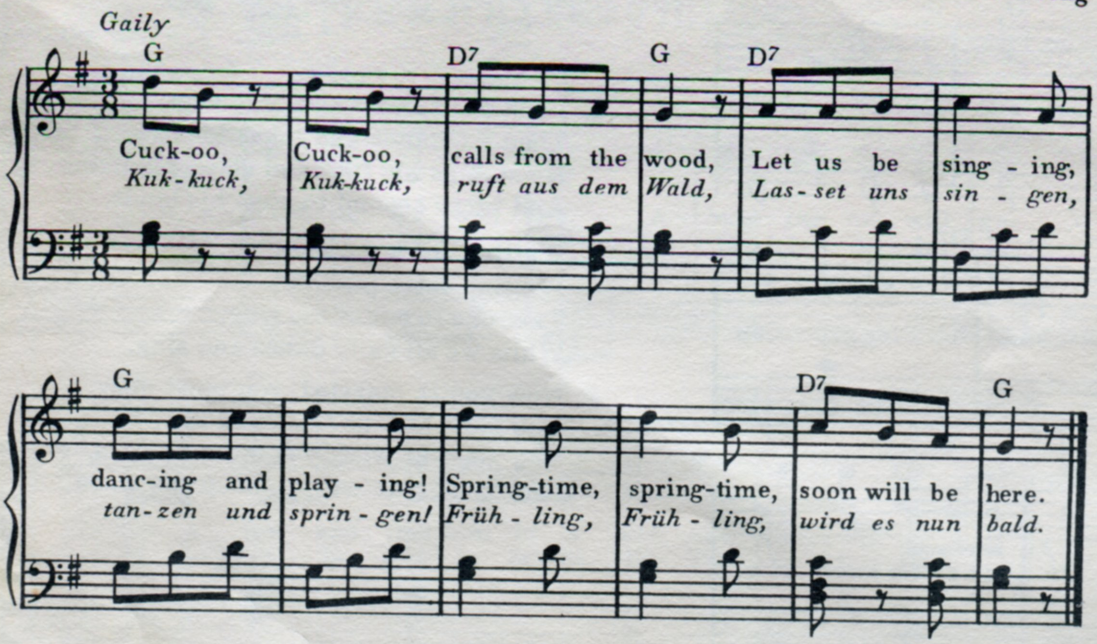
3. Some to make hay, dilly, dilly,
Some to cut corn,
While you and I, dilly, dilly,
Keep ourselves warm.



The Cuckoo

Translation

German folk song



At Pierrot's Door

Translation

French folk song

In moderate time

G D G D G D7 G G C Cm G D

1. Good Pier-rot, I beg you, In the moon-light bright, Your quill pen to lend me
1. *Au clair de la lu - ne, Mon a - mi Pier - rot, Prê - te moi ta plu - me*

G D7 G A7 D A

For I long to write. Burned out is my can - dle, And my fire's out
Pour é- crire un mot. Ma chan-delle est mor - te, Je n'ai plus de

D7 G D G D G D7 G

too; Come, the door please o - pen, Let me in, pray do!
feu, Ou - vre -moi ta por - te, Pour l'a-mour de Dieu.

2. In the silver moonlight,
Pierrot did reply:
"I've no pen to lend you,
Snug in my bed am I.

Go to my next door neighbor,
She's at home tonight,
Through her kitchen window
See, there streams a light."

2. *Au clair de la lune,*
Pierrot répondit:
"Je n'ai pas de plume,
Je suis dans mon lit.

Va chez la voisine,
Je crois qu'elle y est,
Car dans sa cuisine
On bat le briquet."

On the Bridge at Avignon

Translation

French singing game

Brightly

G D G D7

On the bridge at A - vi-gnon, They are danc-ing, they are danc - ing;
Sur le pont — d'A - vi-gnon, L'on y dan - se, l'on y dan - se;

G D G D G *End*

On the bridge at A - vi-gnon, They are danc - ing in a ring.
Sur le pont — d'A - vi-gnon, L'on y dan - se, tout en rond.

slower G D7 G *Go to the beginning* D7 G

The gen - tle-men go this way, *(bow)* And a - gain go this way.
Les beaux mes-sieurs font comm' çi, Et puis en - core comm' çi.

2. The ladies fair go this way (curtsy)
3. The soldiers brave go this way (salute)
4. The organ man goes this way (turn handle)
5. The boys and girls go this way (dance in a ring)

2. *Les belles dames font comm' çi*
3. *Les braves soldats font comm' çi*
4. *Le joeur d'orgue fait comm' çi*
5. *Les garcons et filles font comm' çi*

The Little Nut Tree

Traditional

English folk song

E♭ A♭ E♭ B♭7 E♭

I had a lit-tle nut tree, Noth-ing would it bear, But a sil - ver nut - meg

Spring's Arrival

Translation

German folk song

Gaily

F Bb F C7 F C7 F

All the birds have come a - gain, Hear the hap - py cho - rus!
Al - le Vö - gel sind schon da, al - le Vö - gel al - le!

C7 F C F C7 F C7

Rob - in, blue-bird, on the wing, Thrush and wren this mes-sage bring:
Welch ein Sin - gen Mu - si - ziern, Pfei - fen, Zwitschern, Ti - re - liern!

F Bb F C7 F C7 F

Spring will soon come march-ing in, Come with joy - ous sing - ing.
Früh - ling will nun ein - mar schieren, Kommt mit Sang und Schal - le.

Bb7 Eb Ab Eb

And a gold - en pear. The King of Spain's daugh - ter Came to vis - it me, And

Ab Eb Ab Eb Bb7 Eb

all for the sake Of my lit - tle nut tree.

2. Her dress was all of crimson,
Coal black was her hair;
She asked me for my nutmeg
And my golden pear.
I said, "So fair a princess
Never did I see,
I'll give to you the fruit
Of my little nut tree."

Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star

Jane Taylor

French folk tune

Moderately

F Bb F C F C F

Twin - kle, twin - kle, lit - tle star, How I won - der what you are;

F C F C F C7 F G7 C7

Up a - bove the world so high, Like a dia - mond in the sky,

F Bb F C7 F Gm C F

Twin - kle, twin - kle, lit - tle star, How I won - der what you are.

Sleep, Baby, Sleep

Traditional

German folk song

Smoothly

F C7 F C7 F

Sleep, ba - by, sleep, Thy fa - ther tends the sheep; Thy

C7 F C7 F

moth - er shakes the dream-land tree, And down come love - ly

C7 F C7 F *very softly* C7 F

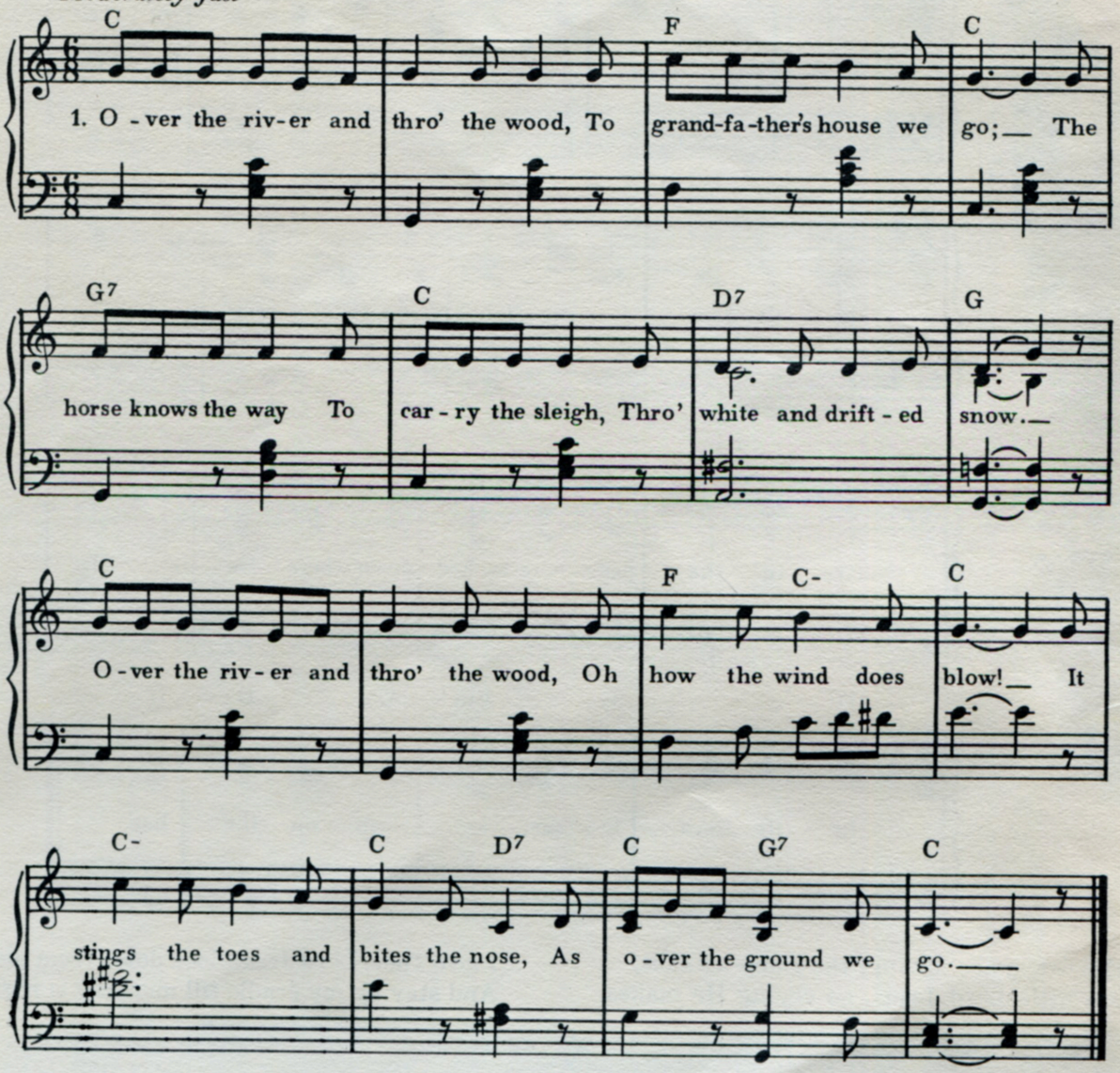
dreams for thee; Sleep, ba - by, sleep, Sleep, ba-by, sleep.

Thanksgiving Day

L. Maria Child

Old song

Moderately fast



2. Over the river and through the wood,
Trot fast my dapple gray!
Spring over the ground,
Like a hunting hound,
For this is Thanksgiving Day!
Over the river and through the wood,
Now grandmother's cap I spy!
Hurrah for the fun!
Is the pudding done?
Hurrah for the pumpkin pie!

AWAY IN THE MANGER

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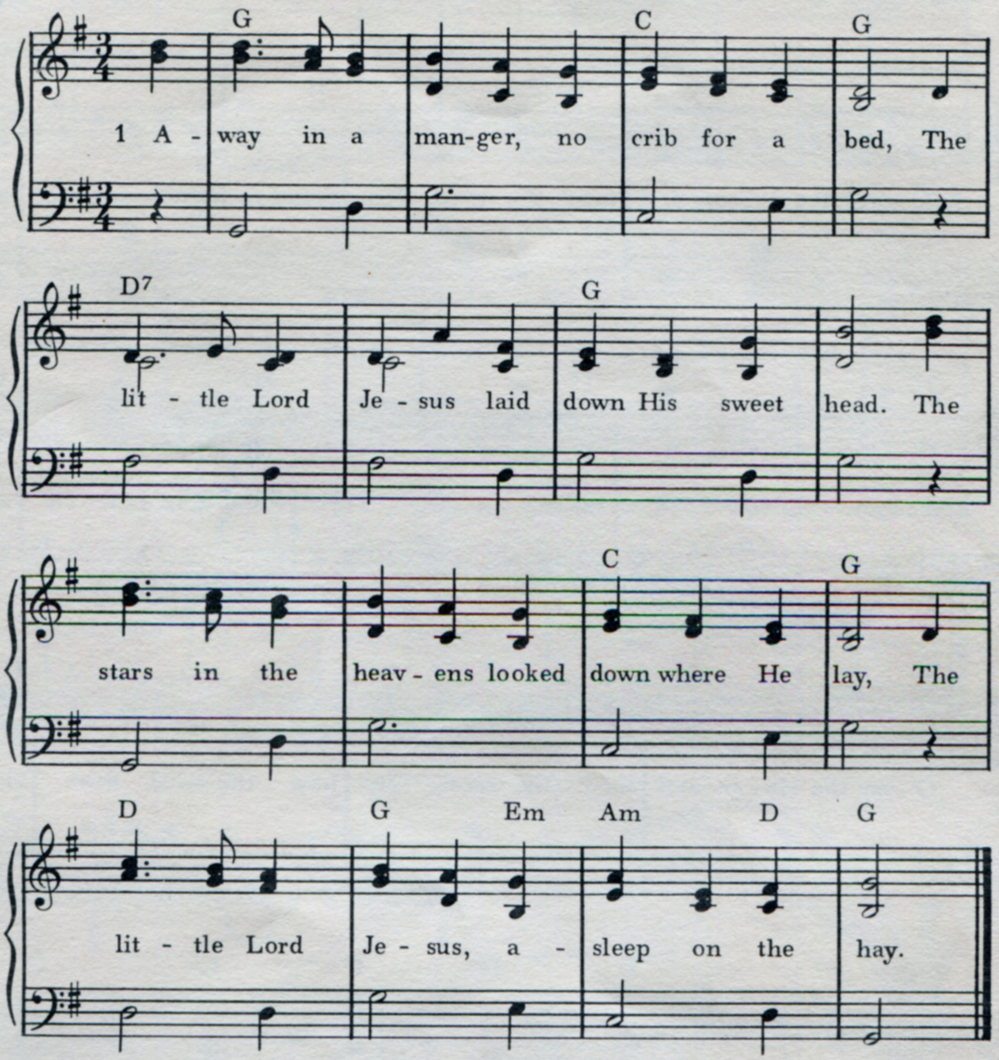

2. The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.

I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

JINGLE BELLS

J. Pierpont

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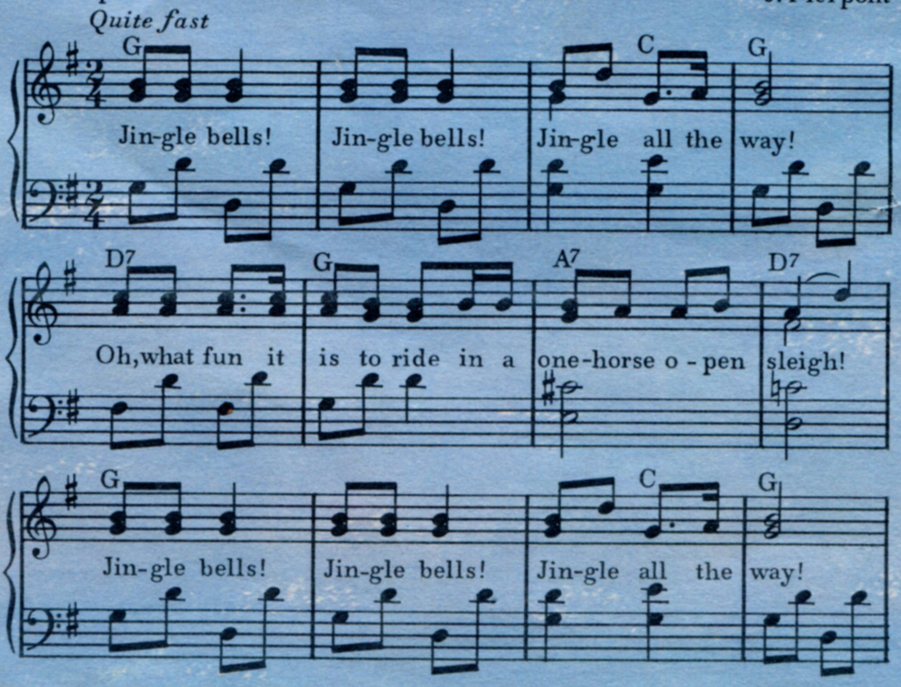
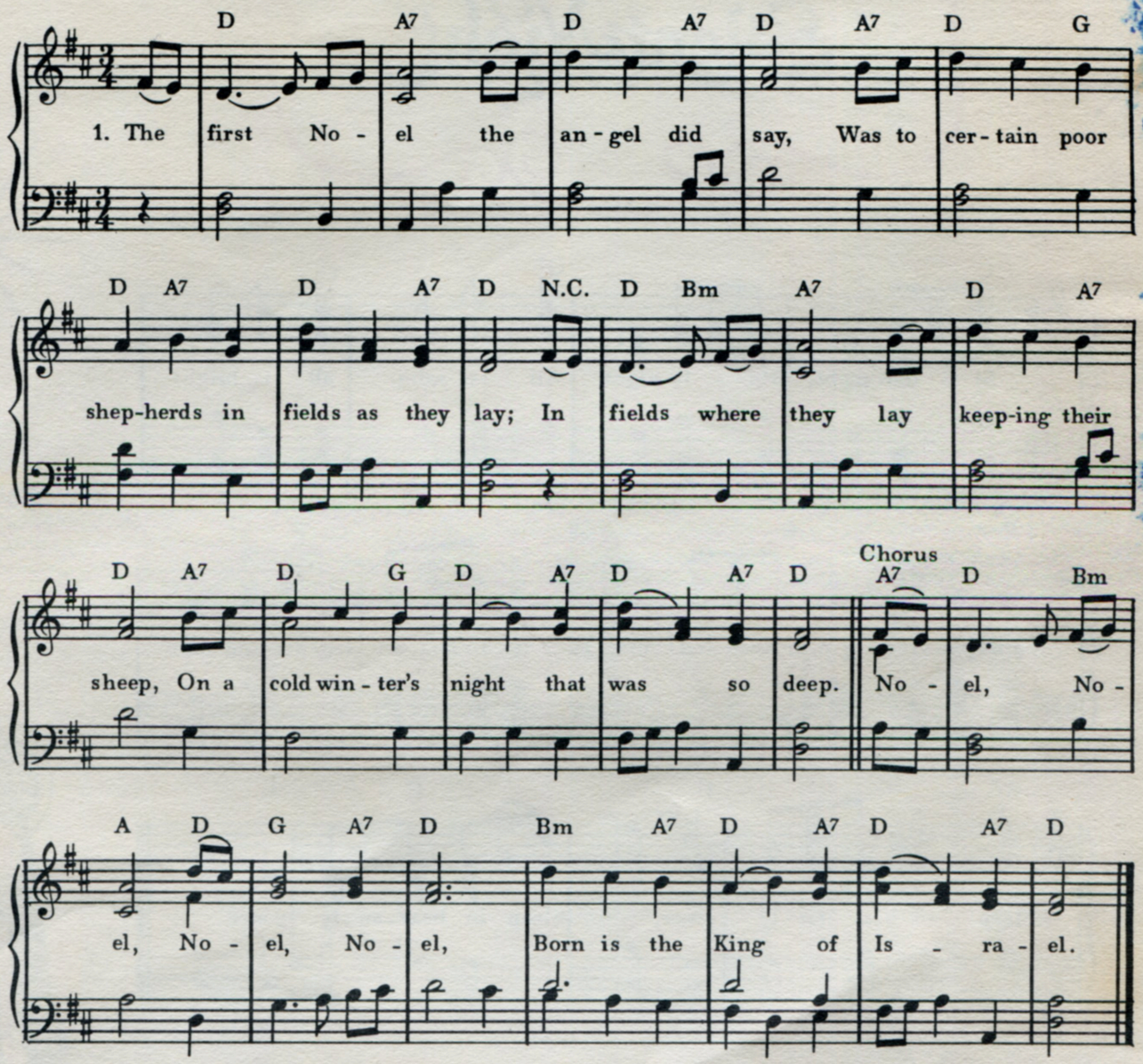


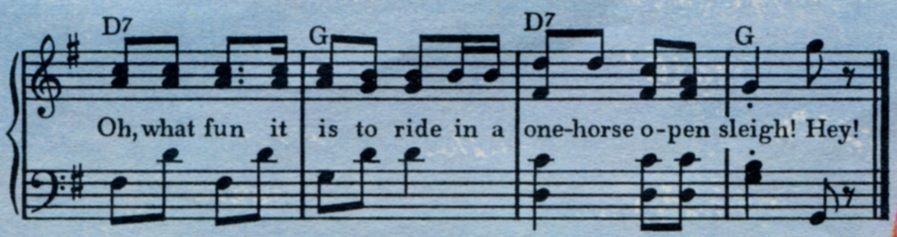
THE FIRST NOEL

Traditional

Traditional melody

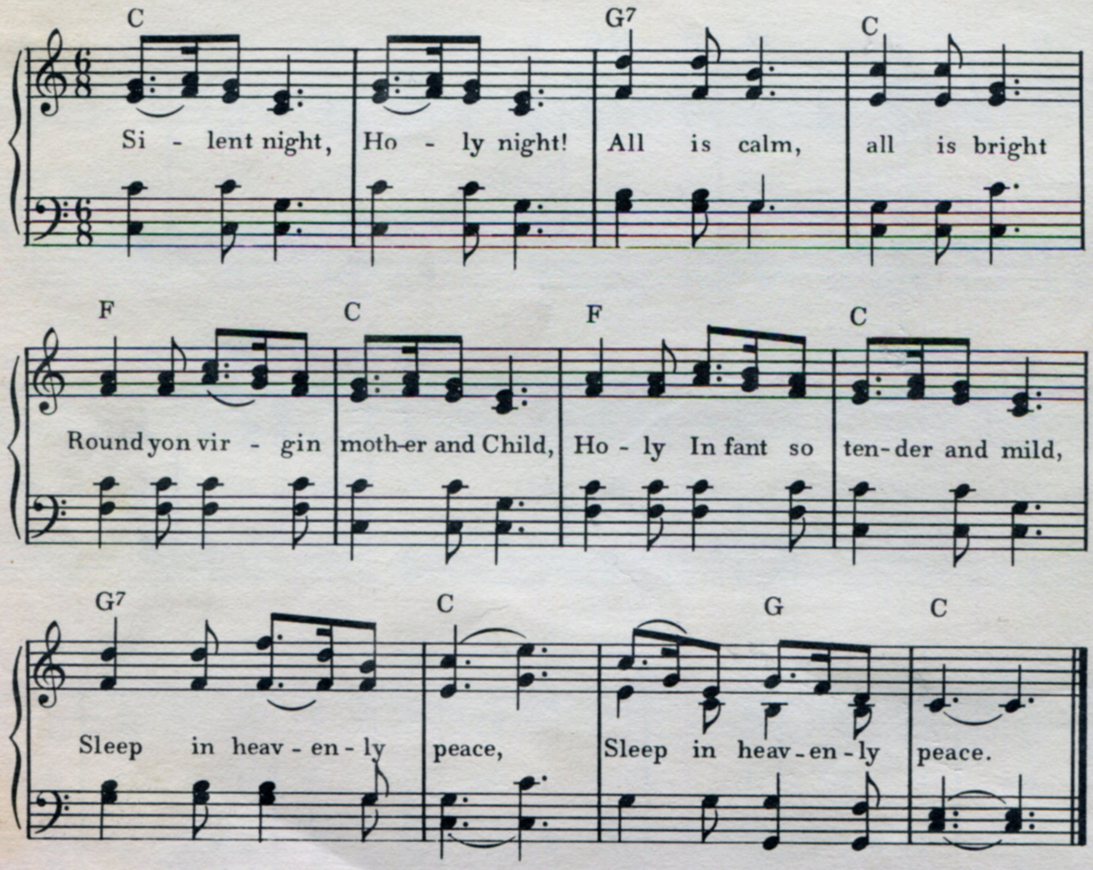


2. They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east, beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.



Silent Night

Joseph Mohr — Franz Gruber

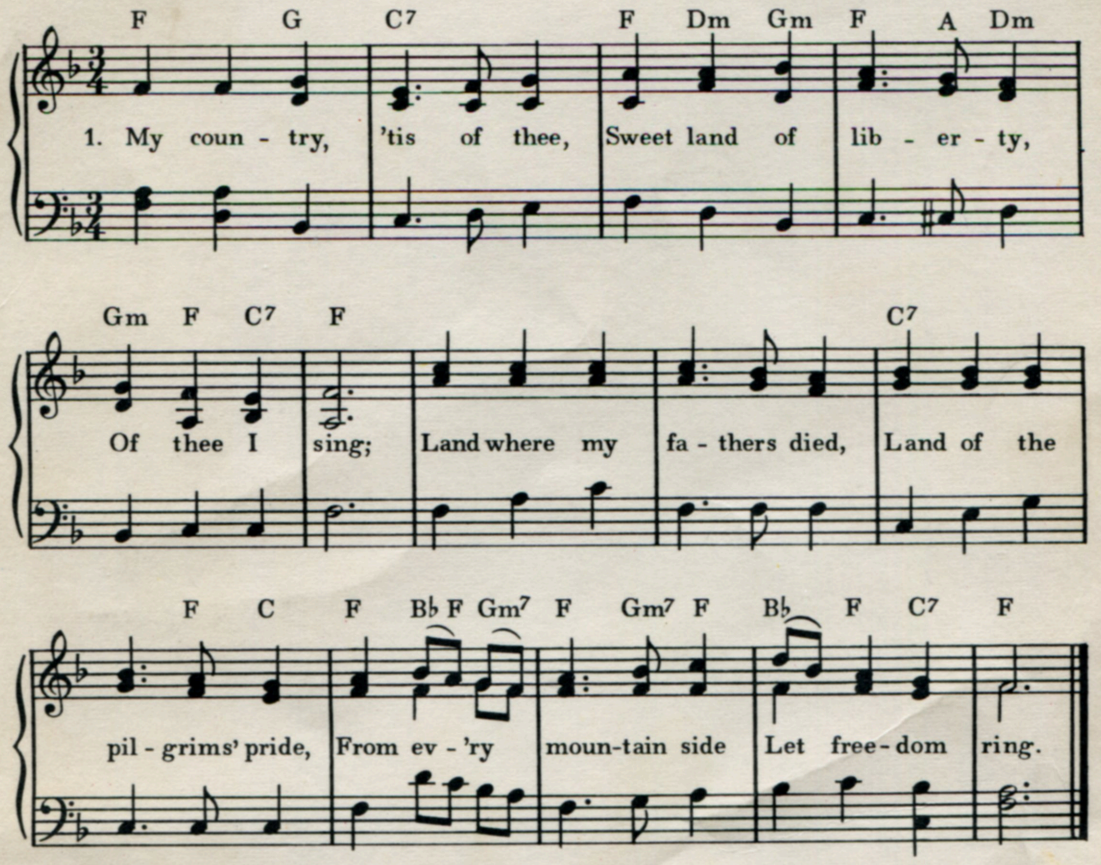


2. Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ, the savior is born!
Christ, the savior is born!

3. Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

America

Samuel Francis Smith — Source unknown



2. My native country, thee,
Land of the noble free,
Thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills,
Thy woods and templed hills;
My heart with rapture thrills,
Like that above.

3. Let music swell the breeze,
And ring from all the trees
Sweet freedom's song;
Let mortal tongues awake;
Let all that breathe partake;
Let rocks their silence break;
The sound prolong.

4. Our father's God, to Thee,
Author of liberty,
To Thee we sing;
Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light;
Protect us by Thy might,
Great God, our King.

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